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Dear Senate Judiciary Committee Members,

I respectfully submit the following testimony regarding pending gun legislation.

I oppose the following bills and any house or senate version of a similar nature. - SB346,347,699,700,758,760,769 and HB 3200.

I would not oppose a simple range qualification requirement (SB 796) as a condition of a concealed handgun license; a grace period should be allowed in order to accomodate those CHL holders who may not have convenient access to a range or range officer. I do support aggressive prosecution and tough sentences for what are otherwise crimes that additionally involve a firearm. I am a sworn law enforcement officer and I strongly urge you to oppose these Senate and House Bills or any legislation of a similar nature. Addressing mental health issues and punishing criminal actors, particularly recidivist offenders, would do far more to reduce violence and particularly gun violence than any other measures now considered.

Time, energy and legislative focus would be much better spent in supporting our mental health professionals and programs rather than these thinly veiled attempts at de facto gun control. Frankly, they serve no practical purpose and surely are unlikely to survive any legitimate judicial scrutiny. Punishing Oregon's gunowners by impinging upon a law-abiding individual's rights is simply not the answer. These bills and legislation of a similar purpose serve no practical purpose
Respectfully,

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